

REMARKS/ ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 8, 9, 27, 36, and 45 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Appropriate amendments have been entered above.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 19, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30, 32, 33, 36, 37, 41, 42, and 45 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,787,294 (hereinafter "Envoy") in view of U.S. Patent 6,564,329 (hereinafter "Cheung"), further in view of U.S. Patent 6,266,776 (hereinafter "Sakai").

To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974). (Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) ¶ 2143.03).

Independent claims 1, 19, 28, and 37 of the present application include limitations not disclosed or suggested by Cheung, Envoy, nor Sakai. As a result, claims 1, 19, 28, and 37 are over Cheung, Envoy, and Sakai.

In particular, applicants' independent claims include the claim limitation, or limitation similar thereto, of:

. . . dynamically adjusting, in response to the power management event, a voltage level and clock frequency level provided to a plurality of system components including a microprocessor and system buses, including adjusting a chipset buffer strenght. (emphasis added) (Applicant's claim 1).

Neither Cheung, Envoy, nor Sakai disclose nor suggest, dynamically adjusting a chipset buffer strenght in response to the power management event, as claimed by applicant, in at least claim 1.

Therefore, as a result of neither Cheung, Envoy, nor Sakai disclosing nor suggesting applicant's claimed limitations, applicant's independent claims are patentable over Envoy in view of Cheung and Sakai.

In addition, the remaining claims depend from one of the independent claims as discussed above, and therefore include similar limitations, and as a result are also patentable over Envoy in view of Cheung and Sakai.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

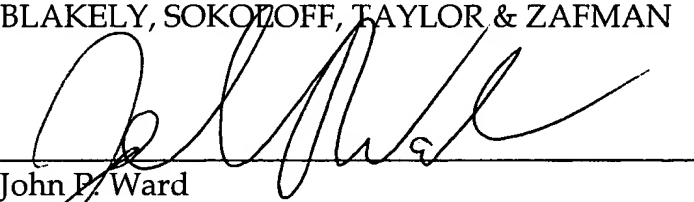
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